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SUBJ: EC SAFEGUARD ACTION -- ITALIAN QUOTA ON TAPE RECORDERS  
RE EC BRUSSELS 2492

1. ACCORDING REFTEL EC COMMISSION DECISION ON SOME METHOD TO EXEMPT PRODUCTS NOT CAUSING INJURY MAY NOT BE MADE UNTIL AFTER SIX- MONTH PERIOD DURING WHICH QUOTA IS IN EFFECT. UNLESS EARLY DECISION TAKEN ALONG THESE LINES, WE ARE CONCERNED QUOTA OF 150,000 UNITS, WHICH IS LESS THAN NUMBER OF UNITS WHICH JAPAN ALONE SUPPLIED IN LAST SIX- MONTH PERIOD, WILL HAVE ADVERSE EFFECT ON EXPORTS OF HIGH- VALUE US EQUIPMENT. SINCE JAPAN EXPORTS OF LOW- VALUE TAPE RECORDERS TO ITALY FAR EXCEED US TAPE RECORDER EXPORTS THERE, IT IS LIKELY THAT JAPANESE SUPPLIERS WILL FILL QUOTA QUICKLY. THIS DEVELOPMENT WOULD CAUSE DIFFICULTIES FOR US EXPORTS, PARTICULARLY

OF HIGH- VALUE PROFESSIONAL EQUIPMENT SOLD IN SMALL QUANTITIES. WE BELIEVE IT IS MORE IMPORTANT TO PRESERVE THE MARKET FOR US PRODUCTS THAN TO SEEK COMPENSATION FOR TRADE IMPAIRMENT AFTER SIX MONTHS HAVE ELAPSED, ESPECIALLY SINCE TOTAL US EXPORTS OF TAPE RECORDERS TO ITALY RELATIVELY SMALL.

2. ACTION EC BRUSSELS: MISSION REQUESTED, THEREFORE, CONVEY TO APPROPRIATE EC OFFICIALS ( A) OUR CONCERN THAT HIGH- VALUE US EQUIPMENT WOULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY QUOTA RESTRICTION AND ( B) OUR HOPE THAT A FAVORABLE DECISION WILL BE MADE ON OUR REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION OF EQUIPMENT VALUED OVER \$100 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. ACTION EC BRUSSELS AND ROME: POSTS REQUESTED ASCERTAIN HOW QUOTAS BEING ADMINISTERED.

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